

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a transmission of telephonic voice message data from a sender having an origination voice message address to a potential recipient having a destination voice message address, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

selectively providing by the potential recipient for storage in the telephonic voice message apparatus ~~(10;40)~~ a specified voice message transmission instruction for controlling transmission of telephonic voice message data directed to the destination voice message address;

directing the telephonic voice message data associated with the origination voice message address to the destination voice message address;

determining within the telephonic voice message apparatus ~~(10;40)~~ in response to the directing of telephonic voice message data to the destination voice message address whether the stored specified voice message transmission instruction for controlling transmission of the telephonic voice message data corresponds to the destination voice message address; and

upon determining that the specified voice message transmission instruction corresponds to the destination voice message address, processing the telephonic voice message data in accordance with the specified voice message transmission instruction.

Claims 2-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Original) A method of controlling a transmission of telephonic voice message data in a telephonic voice message network sub-system from a first voice message network sub-system (50) associated with an origination voice message address and directed through a communication medium (64) of a voice message system network (54) to a second voice message network sub-system (52) associated with a destination voice message address, the method comprising the steps of:

selectively storing by the potential recipient in the second voice message network sub-system (52) a specified voice message transmission instruction for controlling transmission of telephonic voice message data directed to the destination voice message address;

directing from the first voice message network sub-system (50) telephonic voice message data for transmission through the communication medium (64) to the destination voice message address;

transmitting through the communication medium (64) from the first voice message network sub-system (50) to the second voice message network sub-system (52) the destination voice message address;

determining within the second voice message network sub-system (52) in response to the destination voice message address (58) whether the destination voice message address corresponds to the stored specified voice message transmission instruction for controlling transmission of the telephonic voice message data; and

upon determining that the second voice message address corresponds to the specified voice message transmission instruction, providing a signal through the communication medium (64) from the second voice message network sub-system (52) to the first voice message network sub-system (50) to enable processing of the telephonic voice message data in accordance with the specified voice message transmission instruction.

Claims 14-18 (Cancelled)